

To the FCC:

I strongly believe that media concentration has already reached dangerous levels for a functioning democracy. The media is not like other commercial services because it is the very lifeblood of the democratic polity and it is essential that ownership is as dilute as possible. We need many more voices, coming from a diverse media, not the muzzling of opinion that results from big corporate media. The FCC has a responsibility to take this issue to the American people in town meetings all over the country and allow it to be debated openly and vigorously. The silence in mainstream media over this issue is strong evidence that our media system is not operating in the best interests of democracy. Corporate media stand to profit handsomely if restrictions on media concentration are relaxed and they simply aren't reporting this issue to the American people. The FCC should not make any decisions on this issue until it has been debated in all the major media outlets. The FCC should actively try to solicit the opinions of Americans instead of listening to special interests (corporate